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Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

ALEX. H. WASHBURN

American Families Grow Smaller

How the size of the average American family is shrinking as America's population growth slows down is revealed by a new bulletin from the Bureau of the Census. The average population per occupied house in 1940 was 3.8 persons, a noticeable drop from 1930, when the figure was 4.1. This decline has been going on for many censuses.

Violent Death Toll Hits 392 Over Nation

Warring Countries Run Poor Second to United States Holidays

BULLETIN

By the Associated Press
A holiday toll of at least 392 violent deaths was reported Thursday, boosting the total considerably over last year's. Traffic accidents accounted for 283 while 109 met death by various other means.

(By the Associated Press)

The warring nations ran a poor second yesterday to the United States in the matter of violent deaths. With the war in Europe and Egypt at a virtual standstill, 365 persons died violently in the two-day holiday on Christmas Day, raising the two-day holiday total to 274. Highway accidents claimed 196 lives, 118 on Christmas Day. The normal December Wednesday traffic death toll is 90.

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Total by states:
Alabama, traffic one; Arizona, traffic one; Arkansas, traffic three; California, traffic 16; other one; Colorado, traffic four; other one; Connecticut, traffic two; other one; Delaware, traffic one; District of Columbia, traffic six; Florida, traffic four; other one; Georgia, traffic nine; other one; Idaho, traffic three; Illinois, traffic 10; other 11; Indiana, traffic five; other seven; Iowa, traffic one; other four; Kansas, traffic four; Kentucky, traffic two; other four; Maryland, traffic three; other seven; Massachusetts, traffic two; other seven; Michigan, traffic five; other three; Minnesota, traffic three; Missouri, traffic six; other three; Montana, traffic two; other three; Nebraska, traffic eight; other three; Nevada, traffic one; New Hampshire, traffic two; New Jersey, traffic nine; other three; New Mexico, traffic one; New York, traffic 18; other 11; North Carolina, traffic three.

North Dakota, traffic one; Ohio traffic 17; other four; Oklahoma, traffic two; other one; Oregon, traffic one; other two; Pennsylvania, traffic six; other two; Rhode Island, other one; Tennessee, traffic five; Texas, traffic 14; other one; Vermont, traffic two; Virginia, traffic one; Washington, traffic three; Wisconsin, traffic nine; other one.

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1940 Business in Hope Closes Very Strongly

All-Time Peak Hit by Postoffice and Many Local Stores

Hope had a record-breaking Christmas trade and 1940 business closed strongly after a poor showing in September due to the late and shortened cotton crop. Fall business recovered in mid-October, continued exceptionally strong in November, and was climaxed by a December better than last year.

Local merchants reported 1940 either a peak business year or close to it. Some business houses had their best previous year in 1929, while some showed a new peak in 1936. All were either beating their best figures or running close to them, for 1940.

Hope postoffice very definitely had the best year in its history in 1940. Postmaster Robert M. Wilson reported Thursday that with only a few days to go the local postoffice's receipts were certain to exceed \$34,000—a gain of approximately 5 per cent over last year for a new all-time record.

Christmas mail this year beat all previous records.

Hope postal receipts for recent years follow:

Year	Receipts
1924	\$28,457.
1925	28,588.
1926	29,366.
1927	29,283.
1928	29,945.
1929	31,030.
1930	29,619.
1931	24,610.
1932	21,425.
1933	23,203.
1934	25,077.
1935	26,686.
1936	29,051.
1937	31,898.
1938	32,547.
1939	32,822.

All-Stars Whip St. Mary's

Maurice Britt, Arkansas Stars in the 34-6 Win

SAN ANTONIO, Texas —(AP)—Leon Ray Malloff, the Southern Methodist sniper, turned on a shower of touchdown passes Wednesday to give the Southwest All-Stars a crushing 34-6 triumph over the St. Mary's Raiders in a British war relief game.

Coolly firing to a great bunch of pass receivers—Maurice Britt of Arkansas and Jack Lummus of Baylor—Mallouf tossed four touchdowns and retired for the afternoon.

If it wasn't Mallouf denting the St. Mary's aerial defense it was Hammon Roquemore, Stephen F. Austin College fullback, scoring strikes with back alley power stuff through the middle. Occasionally Moon Mullins, Hardin-Simmons fullback, took over Roquemore's chores with equal success.

Injured several months ago in an automobile accident near Little Rock, which caused him to remain for several weeks in a Little Rock hospital, Mr. Jacobs never fully recovered. Two weeks ago his condition became critical.

Dartmouth's Coach to Army

Blaik and Entire Staff Transfer to West Point

HANOVER, N. H. —(AP)—Earl (Red) Blaik, head coach of football at Dartmouth College since 1934, was released from his contract Christmas day to permit him to take over the head coaching duties at the United States Military Academy.

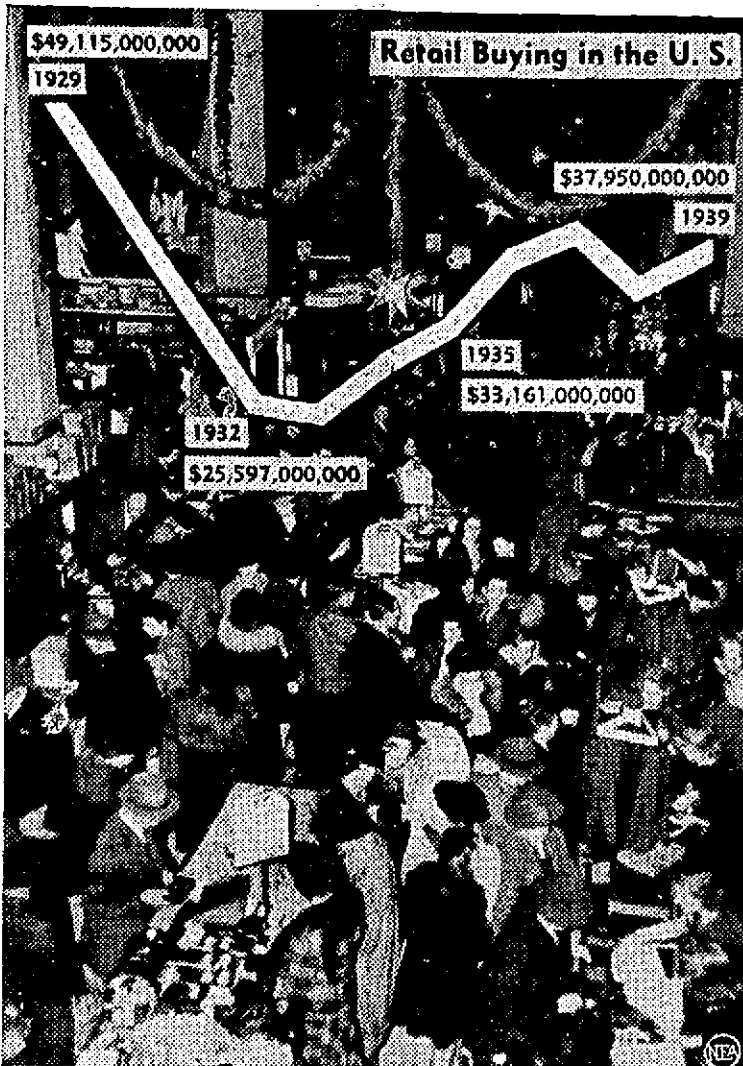
Blaik's entire staff, which includes Harry (Red) Ellinger, line coach; Andy Gustafson, backfield tutor; Frank Moore, end coach; Roland Bevan, trainer, and Avernell Daniel, freshman mentor, will join him in the shift from Dartmouth to West Point.

Announcement of the change for 1940 sports upset by defeating Cornell 3 to 0, came from William H. McCarter, director of athletics. McCarter expressed regret at Blaik's departure while the coach said his move was impelled by "duty."

Blaik, who becomes West Point's first civilian head coach—almost a necessity due to the scarcity of officers available—succeeded Capt. William H. Wood, transferred recently to active service at Fort Bliss, Tex. Prior to coming to Dartmouth, Blaik served as backfield coach of the Army.

The Hall PH-2, with a range of nearly 2000 miles non-stop, has proved to be perhaps the best rough-water flying boat in the Coast Guard service.

Defense Expenditures Rise Steadily to Produce Brand New Business Boom



Figures above are estimates from U. S. Department of Commerce. No estimate for 1940 available, but total retail buying in the United States is considered certain to be well ahead of 1939.

Hope Has a Quiet Xmas

Lack of Accidents Make Holiday Best in Years

Hope had the quietest Christmas in many years when a checkup Thursday revealed no accidents or violent deaths for this area.

Hope police said that on a whole the day was very quiet with few disturbances. The only calls were to the negro section of the city to stop a couple of fights.

Although few people came downtown Christmas morning hundreds turned out for the picture shows during the afternoon. Both theaters reported capacity crowds for all performances.

National guardsmen who were mobilized here last Monday were allowed to go to their home for Christmas dinner while others had dinner at the Capital Hotel.

Many old friends and relatives returned to spend the holiday with home folks. Hotels and cafes reported good Christmas dinner business.

The weather was ideal in this area with dark clouds coming out during the latter part of the day. However the rains held off until about 10 o'clock Wednesday night.

Mrs. Roe Dies at Battlefield

Pioneer Woman Would Have Been 91 on January 20

Mrs. Clara J. Roe, native of Hempstead county who would have been 91 next January 20, died Monday at her home in the Battlefield community after a 10-day illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Bethlehem cemetery south of Springfield with the Rev. Noel Cresson, Methodist pastor at Battlefield, officiating. Mrs. Roe had been a member of the Methodist church since 1865.

She is survived by six grandchildren: Mrs. Willie Ellinger, Hope Route One; Tom Lowery, Paris, Texas; and Jack Johnson, Mrs. Nellie Barham, Mrs. Jettie Butler and Miss Lillie Johnson, all of Hope Route One.

Fourteen great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren survive.

Sen. Wheeler Urges Peace

Analyzes Views of Conflicting Camps at Washington

WASHINGTON —(AP)—A call for a determined effort by the United States to "force peace in Europe" was sounded Christmas day by Senator Wheeler (Dem., Mont.).

"The president should make a determined effort to bring the warring nations of Europe together," said Wheeler. "He should insist a just peace be worked out."

"There are two views about the European war prevalent in Washington. First is the group which wants to see the war continued until the German government is exterminated. And they want to see that done even if it means total war on our part. Second, there are those of us who want to see Great Britain win but we believe peace could be brought about at this time if a sincere effort is made."

This effort the Montanan said should be made before any additional aid is granted to Great Britain. In speaking of assistance to that country, he reiterated previous assertions he regarded the president's plan to lend or lease arms as "an evasion of our Neutrality Act."

Wheeler was the second senator in two days to advocate steps looking toward possible peace. Senator Tydings (Dem., Md.) suggested Tuesday the United States ask Great Britain and the Axis powers for a statement of their peace terms, so this country could determine for itself whether there was any basis for negotiation of a "just peace." Tydings emphasized he was not advocating any "peace of appeasement."

There was no indication the Roosevelt administration considered the time ripe for any overtures.

Although blind, Ivan Johnson, Stam-baugh, Mich., is an expert wood cutter.

COTTON

By the Associated Press

New Orleans:	Open	High	Low	Close
January	10.08	10.08	10.08	10.11
March	10.23	10.23	10.22	10.23
May	10.17	10.17	10.16	10.16
July	9.94	9.95	9.94	9.95
October	9.42	9.45	9.42	9.45
December	9.46	9.46	9.46	9.46
New York:	Open	High	Low	Close
January	10.10	10.10	10.08	10.09
March	10.14	10.15	10.14	10.18
May	10.09	10.12	10.09	10.11
July	9.88	9.92	9.88	9.92
October	9.36	9.39	9.36	9.38
December	9.37	9.38	9.37	9.37
Middling spot	10.38			

J. T. Bowden, Jr., Given Post at Monticello

J. T. Bowden, Jr., second lieutenant in the ROTC, who left Hope this month to enter CCC executive service, has been stationed at the Monticello CCC camp, according to a letter received by The Star.

Appeals for Aid to Britain

Americans Urge Roosevelt to Aid in Every Way

WASHINGTON —(AP)—The White House said Thursday that more than 150 American citizens had urged President Roosevelt in a letter to "make it the settled policy of this country to insure the defeat of the Axis powers."

Lawyers, doctors, educators, actors, religious and labor leaders set forth the appeal in a letter.

They said that all possible be done to resist the resistance of appeasement.

Hope Store in Nat'l Magazine

Hempstead Co. Lumber Co. in Bldg. Supply News

Hempstead County Lumber company's remodeled store in East Third street, which was advertised locally with Hope Star pictures earlier in the season, is the subject of a full-page picture-and-story layout in the December issue of the Building Supply News, Chicago.

Five of The Star's pictures are used in an article entitled "A 'Face-Lifting' Operation That Invites Home Building Customers."

Bill Wray is local store manager for the Hempstead County Lumber company, and M. B. Adams, Prescott, is general manager for all the retail stores operated by the Ozan Lumber company of Prescott.

14,345 Bales Ginned; Total 21,902 in '39

Cotton ginnings in Hempstead county prior to December 13 totaled 14,345 bales, as compared with 21,902 bales to the same date last year, according to W. H. Etter, Hempstead county gin reporter for the federal Department of Commerce.

Germans Pour Into Rumania; Parley Fails

Soviet Threatens to Seize Mouth of Danube, German "Life-Line"

BUDAPEST, Hungary —(AP)—German leaders in Rumania were reported Thursday to have urged a speed-up in military production as the vanguard of a reported 300,000 Nazi troops rolled across Rumania with artillery, bridge-building material and tanks, stirring speculation over a conflict between powers with conflicting interests in Rumania.

One dispatch said two big Rumanian plants would manufacture planes for Germany. A submarine plant has been ordered to increase production.

Baron Manfred von Killinger's appointment of a German minister to Rumania coincided with these activities. The baron, it was said, is prepared to virtually rule Rumania as "district leader."

The Reich was reported prepared to take over complete control.

The Hungarian railway administration stated passenger train service would be "especially restricted" to clear 1,036 troop trains, at the rate of 30 to 40 daily, between now and January 31.

German, Rumanian and Russian envoys conferring in Budapest the last two months were said to have gone home without determining which nation or group of nations will control the strategically-important mouth of the Danube river—the life-line for Germany's supplies.

Officially it was said the negotiations would be resumed later; but unofficially it was reported there was a wide breach between the negotiators with Soviet Russia declaring openly that the Red Army was prepared to occupy the mouth of the Danube after the first of the year.

British Double Channel Guard

Rain Slows Down the Greek Advance in Albania

BITOLJ, Yugoslavia —(AP)—Greek patrols have entered the village of Lin, 15 miles from Pogradetz on the road to Elbasan according to reports reaching this border town Thursday.

U. S. Blamed
ROME —(AP)—The United States was given credit for the British victory of Italian troops in North Africa the Italian news weekly Tempo, said Thursday. This offensive was made possible by the American blockade, the paper asserted.

By the Associated Press
British guards on the Channel coast were doubled Thursday against the possibility of the Germans striking through the mist for an invasion.

Picked troops with automatic weapons combed the beaches and watched every cleft of the Dover cliffs region.

Traffic along the coast was halted at barricades and passengers were searched. Even soldiers in uniform were required to show identification cards. All these preparations took place as the unofficial Christmas truce continued unbroken.

London sources said up to 2 p. m. no German planes had crossed the British coast.

(The German embassy in Washington said it had received word from Berlin there would be no German raids during the holiday period if the British in turn would suspend their attacks, at least through Dec. 26, and possibly through New Year's day.)

The absence of German planes Thursday was taken in some quarters as evidence that there was "nothing unusual about the coast." It was pointed out, however, the Germans would not be likely to attack a heavily-armed section of the coast.

Rain Slows Greeks
ATHENS —(AP)—Rain and snow slowed fighting on the Albanian battle-front Thursday but the Greeks reported they continued their advance along the Adriatic coast north of

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A Thought

With the merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful, and with the upright man thou wilt show thyself upright.—III Samuel 22:26.



Viscount Halifax, shown here with Lady Halifax, was appointed British ambassador to Washington. It was understood he intends to leave for his post by transatlantic clipper plane early in the new year.

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Uncle Sam Tackles a Big One

The anti-trust division of the United Department of Justice has announced a nation-wide investigation of trade restraints which allegedly result in increased food prices to the consumer and decreased crop prices to the farmer.

The action has been prompted, the department says, by evidence that food industries and some wholesale and retail distributors function badly, hiking particularly the prices for bread, milk, meat, fish, cheese and canned and fresh fruits and vegetables.

The government claims that between 1913 and 1930 food processors and distributors received 40 to 48 cents from every dollar spent for food by the consumer and that since then they have been getting from 52 to 60 cents. On the other hand, the farmer who used to get from 52 to 60 cents, now gets the short end.

The result to consumers with slenderer pockets is malnutrition, for the farmer it is often ruin.

The government claims poor crop prices caused one farm in four to be foreclosed between 1930 and 1936. Millions of farming people have moved to the cities.

As a result of the high food prices about 45 million Americans get too little to eat, says the government. These millions do not necessarily suffer deficiency diseases like pellagra or scurvy, but many have chronic fatigue, digestive disorders, or such lowered resistance that they fall easy victims to epidemics.

The anti-trust officials believe they can prove that many organizations stand between producer and consumer, taking unreasonable toll through illegal price-fixing schemes.

The secretary-manager of the National Association of Retail Grocers and the president of the Associated Grocery Manufacturers of America have said their organizations will welcome a sweeping investigation of all phases of the manufacture and distribution of food products.

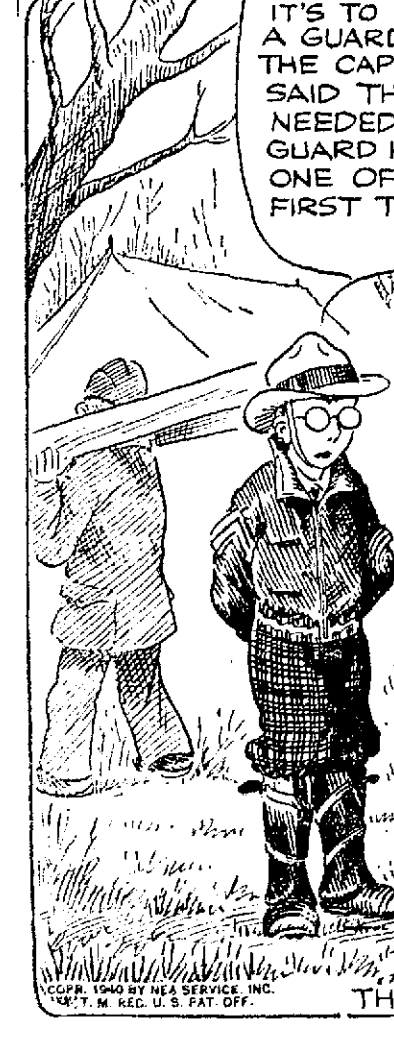
Moreover, at its recent annual meeting, the manufacturers' group adopted a resolution maintaining prices should be equitably related in each instance to production costs. It further disapproved using the conditions resulting from the present crisis in world affairs as a means to extract unjustifiable profits from the American consumer.

As the consumer want better food for less cost and as the farmer wants higher prices for what he raises, that almost makes it unanimous.

MARKET REPORT
Courtesy McRae Mill & Feed Co.

Heavy hens	8 to 9c lb.
Leghorns	7 1/2
Broilers	Lb. 14c
Eggs	17c doz
Ceese	50c - 60c each
Ducks	20c - 25c each
Turkeys	10 to 12c lb.

OUT OUR WAY



WE, THE WOMEN

Women in Business Need an "Office Personality"

By RUTH MILLETT
The young woman who tackles her first job when she's just out of school usually develops a business-like attitude without much trouble. From nine to five she is all business. But the woman who gets her first business experience after being a housewife for a number of years often fails to develop a "business personality."

She carries her "good neighbor" policy into the office—where it is entirely out of place.

She gossips across her typewriter, the same way she used to gossip across the back fence.

She carries on long personal telephone conversations the way she used to do at home after the breakfast dishes were finished.

She tells all her troubles and personal business to the people who work in the same office.

She gets chummy with the salesmen who want to do business with her firm, until she finds it hard to get rid of a caller without a long chat.

She encourages her friends to stop by the office and see her whenever they are in the neighborhood.

These Mistakes Are Unnecessary

She never goes in for tailored, neat clothes, but goes right on wearing the kind of clothes she used to wear to bridge parties and to church on Sunday.

None of these errors need to be, if a woman realizes that they are mistakes a woman, not used to the business world, is likely to make.

And if she will compare her business manner and habit with those of the successful woman around her, she can tell easily whether or not she has adapted herself to the business world.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LATEST BOOKS

'Mussolini Ready to Blow Out Brains in 1935': Romans

In "Seven Mysteries of Europe" (Knopf: \$2.50) the eminent French novelist, Jules Romains, throws pitiless light on the men and events that have wrecked Europe. He was on particularly intimate terms with leaders of the French government, recalls that Laval told him at a dinner in February, 1935, upon his return from Rome, "Of course, I gave him (Mussolini) Abyssinia." From that date Romains traces the "new order" in Europe, the salvation of fascism. He writes:

The first question to be settled is this: At the beginning of December 1935 was Mussolini—and consequently Fascism in Europe—really defeated, providing only that events had been allowed to take their course?

I answer outright: yes . . .

One piece of evidence among others is conclusive. I got it in 1937 from His Excellency Yotaro Sugimura, Japan's ambassador to Rome in December, 1935. To my question, "At the beginning of December 1935 did Mussolini really feel he was through?" he answered, weighing his words, but without hesitation: "Yes. It's not a hypothesis. It's a certainty. I saw Mussolini, with whom I was on good terms, quite often during those days. I can assure that he thought he was done for. He always kept a loaded revolver in his desk, within reach—he showed it to me. He was prepared to blow out his brains at any minute . . ."

That brings us to the second question: Who saved Fascism? Naturally, the answer is not so simple.

First comes the case of M. Laval. All told, his is a primary responsibility. It goes right back to the origins of the affair. If he hadn't "given" Ethiopia to Mussolini, to use his own expression, Mussolini would certainly have thought twice before launching such a venture. But Mussolini was justified in saying to himself: "If they want to get in my way, France will keep out of it. I'll manage."

Such a deliberate paralysis of France never ceased to weigh on events . . .

A contract for \$75,313,000 recently was let to Consolidated by the Navy. It was understood that it was for additional four-motored long-range scouting planes.

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Answer to Cranium Cracker

Questions on Page One

1. Bluebird—The protagonist of a story by the same name, who married seven wives and killed the first six. The seventh, Fatima, was saved from the same fate by her brothers.
2. Blue book—A directory of persons of social prominence.
3. Blue-sky law—A law designed to protect the public against dishonest investment companies. The laws are so named because promises made by some such companies were as boundless as the sky.
4. Blue vitriol—Sulphate of copper, a blue crystal-sized salt.
5. Blue pencil—To edit, or correct.

Human Blood Saves Fox Hound

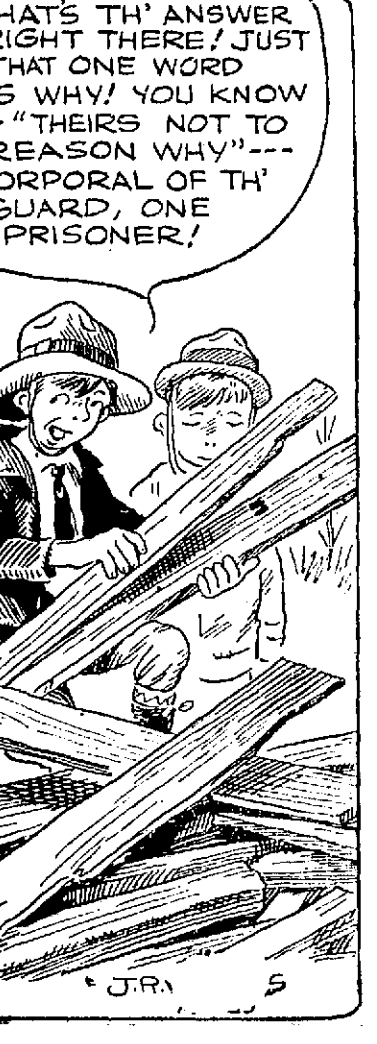
AP Feature Service
SALISBURY, N. C.—"Filibuster," a valuable fox hound owned by Dr. L. H. Robertson and L. O. Parker, will be able to chase again, thanks to transfusion of human blood serum.

Near death with colitis, complicated with pneumonia, the big hound was fed forcibly through his throat and veins for 12 days. As a last resort Dr. Robertson bought a pint of blood and made 250 cubic centimeters of serum.

He made the transfusion through a hind foot, and the dog soon was on the road to recovery.

A new controllable-pitch propeller was recently demonstrated for light plane owners. The propeller is entirely mechanical, adds only three pounds to the weight of the plane, and adds almost 20 miles an hour to the speed.

By J. R. Williams



Bruce Catton Says:
By BRUCE CATTON, NEA Washington Correspondent

Labor Board May Bring Showdown In Bridges Fight

WASHINGTON — A showdown on Congress for some sort of law limiting the long-standing west coast "Harry Bridges case" is just about due.

There are several ingredients. They mostly revolve about the ancient fight between Bridges' International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union and Joe Ryan's A. F. of L. outfit, the International Longshoremen's Association.

A labor board decision two years ago made Bridges' union sole bargaining agent for longshoremen all up and down the west coast, including certain ports where Ryan's union had practically all the men. This decision is about to be reopened—by the labor board, and by Ryan's union.

Bridges recently negotiated a new contract with the west coast employers, and the contract is now up for a ratification vote by his union. Ryan's men are threatening a strike if the contract is ratified. They say the strike would tie up such important ports as Seattle and Tacoma, and hint that it might even spread to the east coast.

Board Ready to Reconsider

A thin edge of the strike actually broke out two months ago in a few northwestern cities. It was an effort by the Ryan union to break out of the strait-jacket to which the old labor board decision confined it in the ports where it had a majority. This strike ended when the labor board agreed to take another look at its old ruling.

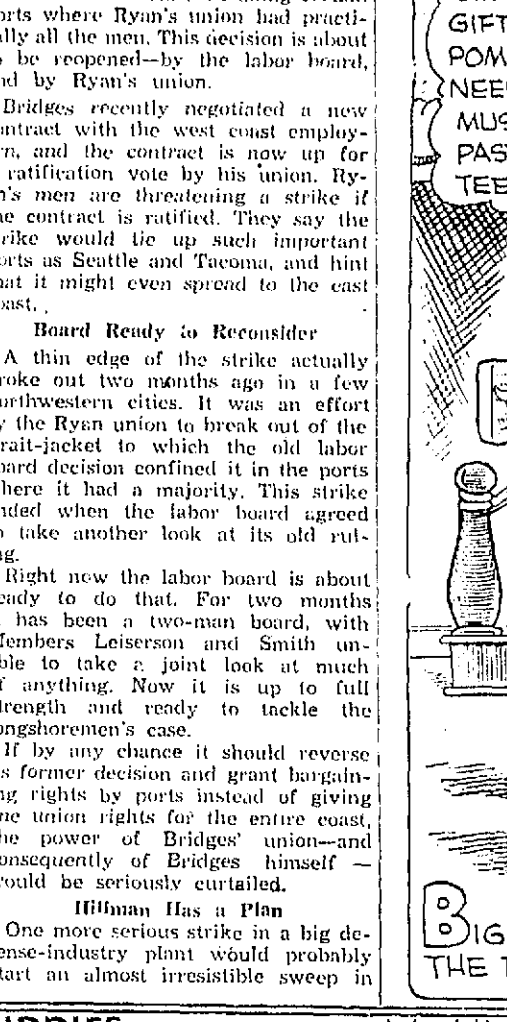
Right now the labor board is about ready to do that. For two months it has been a two-man board, with Members Leiserson and Smith unable to take a joint look at much of anything. Now it is up to full strength and ready to tackle the longshoremen's case.

If by any chance it should reverse its former decision and grant bargaining rights by ports instead of giving one union rights for the entire coast, the power of Bridges' union—and consequently of Bridges himself—would be seriously curtailed.

Hillman Has a Plan

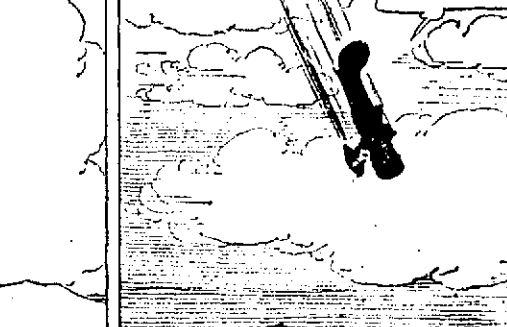
One more serious strike in a big defense-industry plant would probably start an almost irresistible sweep in

OUR BOARDING HOUSE
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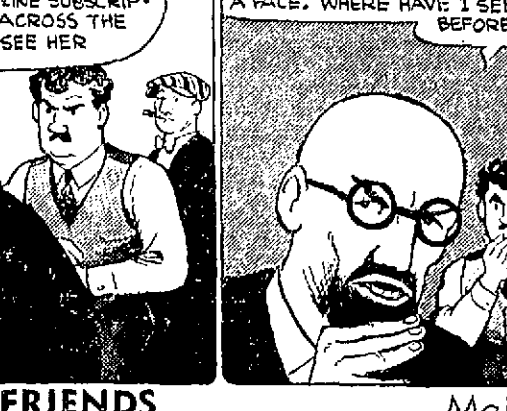
BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES
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A Bad Mistake



are giving serious thought to finding some new means to head off and or settle labor squabbles.

Most ambitious of these plans is taking shape under the wing of Defense Commissioner Sidney Hillman. It aims at setting up regional boards, probably joint employer-worker affairs, whose job it would be to keep in constant touch with all important plants, offer mediation and conciliation services constantly, and in general try to keep differences from reaching the strike stage.

If and when put into final form and okayed by the Defense Commission, the project would probably be set up under the commission by executive order.

BARBS

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Regardless of how many evening dresses some women have they always seem to be almost out of every one of them.

Both Britons and Germans are thoroughly convinced it is more blessed to give than receive.



Big Day on the Exchange =

By Edgar Martin



By V. T. Hamlin



By Roy Crane



By Merrill Blosser



By Fred Harman



SOCIETY

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Social Calendar

Thursday, December 26th
Mrs. Dorsey McRae Sr. will honor Mrs. Bruce McRae of Little Rock at a tea, 3 to 5 o'clock.

The Clara Lowthorp chapter of the Children of the Confederacy, annual Christmas dance, the Country Club, 8 o'clock. Miss Mary Ann Lee and Remond Young will be guests of honor.

Friday, December 27th
Miss Mary Haynes will fete Miss Mary Ann Lee at a gift tea at her home, 4 to 6 o'clock.

Girls Cotillion club dance at the Country club, Miss Mary Lemley hostess, 9 o'clock. Thomas Kinser and his orchestra will play.

Saturday, December 28th
Miss Sara Ann Holland will compliment Miss Mary Ann Lee, hostess, at an afternoon bridge party, the Burtow, 2:30 o'clock.

Announcement

The regular meeting of the Friday Music club will not be held this week. The program will be combined with the January 10th program. Neither will there be a Choral club practice.

Dickson-Leathers Rites Are Read on Sunday

In a candle-light ceremony at 6 o'clock Sunday evening at First Christian church Miss Betty Lee Leathers was married to Lieut. Lon Dickson of Fayetteville and Hope.

The service was read by Rev. F. E. Zandt after a program of organ music by Mrs. Elizabeth McGill Bonhart. Mrs. Bonhart played Dreams, McAnis; Cabin as the Night, Bolin; Echoes, Ave, Maria; and I Love Thee, Grief before the ceremony. The wedding march from Lohengrin and Mendelssohn's Wedding March were used.

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SERIAL STORY

CHRISTMAS RUSH

BY TOM HORNER

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YESTERDAY, Christmas Day is packed with excitement and surprises. After dinner, Martha and Jerry appear worried. It is a family conference, announced. "I'm not going back to school."

JERRY MAKES A DECISION

CHAPTER IV

"YOU'RE not—what?" For the first time in his life Hugh Connelly roared at his son.

Jerry's knuckles whitened as he gripped the mantel. "I'm not going back to medical school, Dad. I'm through. I'm quitting."

"Jerry—Jerry," his mother pleaded. "Don't say such things. You're tired, upset. You've been working too hard. You can't give up now."

"That's it, son." The doctor's arm went around his tall son's shoulders, held him tight. "You need a rest. How about a hunting trip? I'll leave things, we'll get away for a few days. Fill you up on good food, and you'll be anxious to get back to work again..."

Jerry shook his head. "Thanks, Dad. But it's no use. I like school. I feel swell. It's not that. It's just—well—I'm going to be married."

"What!" Hugh Connelly roared again, drowning out Mary Ward's half-stifled scream. Instantly she was on her feet.

"I think you want to discuss this alone, Mrs. Connelly," she said. "If you'll excuse me..." She ran up the stairs.

There was a long silence. The doctor left his son, standing alone before the fireplace, and slumped in his favorite chair. "Now, Jerry, let's have the whole story. Maybe this can be straightened out."

"Jerry, you haven't done anything—" Martha hesitated, half afraid.

"No, Mother," Jerry answered tenderly. "Unless I should be ashamed of falling in love."

"It's that Valerie Parks—I hate her!" Sheila broke in.

"Let's hear what Jerry has to say first, Sheila," her father commanded. "All right, Jerry, let's have it."

"It is Val," Jerry began. "I'm in love with her; she loves me. We want to get married. There's nothing wrong in that, is there?"

"But we don't even know the

girl—her family. Jerry, how can you do this to us?" Martha sobbed.

"You'll love her, Mother. I can promise that. She's coming tonight. Wait till you see her."

"Not tonight, son," Dr. Connelly counseled. "This has come pretty sudden to your mother and me. We'll see the girl later."

"What about this sudden decision to give up medicine? It means ending your career. Have you thought of that?"

"I've thought of nothing else. I know how you've counted on my becoming a doctor, how you planned on my coming back here, working with you. But you've always promised if I decided not to be a doctor, you'd let me quit. I want to quit now."

HUGH CONNELLY was silent, hiding his hurt, afraid to trust his voice.

"But this, girl—this Valerie—who is she?" Martha questioned.

"The girls have told you she drives a big car, that she has a bunch of fur coats—That's true. Her family is rich. Her father is the head of one of the biggest corporations in the state. Her mother is independently wealthy, and Val has a large income from a block of oil wells."

"She's a wonderful girl, Mother. She's real, she's true—everything you could ask for in a daughter-in-law." He dropped to his knees beside Martha, pleading, "Please try to love her, Mother—for me."

"I'll try, Jerry. Bring her over tomorrow."

"But Jerry, have you considered all the angles?" Dr. Connelly interrupted. "How are you going to live? You have no money—no job."

"I know that, Dad. But I'll get a job. I'll drive a truck, run a filling station. We'll get along."

"How about Valerie? Will she be willing to live like that—as the wife of a truck driver?"

"Val would live in a tent, if we could be together—she said so." He rose, kissed his mother, and turned to leave. "Then it's all right. I can tell Val you don't object."

"If you've made up your mind you want to quit school—get married—your mother and I will help all we can. If you're sure—But you'll have to earn your own way."

"Don't be in too much of a hur-

ry to tell Valerie," Martha cautioned. "Let your father and I talk this over. Run along now, I don't want to meet her tonight."

HOURS later, when the shadows of Christmas night had closed in around them, Hugh and Martha Connelly reached a decision. Jerry had gone to meet Valerie, the twins had hurried off to a dance.

They sat before the fire, as they had so many evenings before, planning the future for their children. This had not been included in that plan for Jerry, but it was a situation that must be faced.

All of Hugh's hopes had been centered in his son. From the day he had bought Jerry his first book on anatomy, carefully directed his boyish study, Hugh had longed for the day when Jerry would come into the office, a full-fledged physician, ready to take his share of the burden.

That was Hugh's dream. In its realization, he had promised himself a rest, time to do the myriad things he had never been able to squeeze in. He and Martha could take long motor trips, he could buy that north woods cabin, he could go hunting and fishing without a constant worry that someone at home was needing him.

But that was selfish of him. There could be no thought of that now. Jerry was, as always, his first consideration.

"If he is determined to do it, there's nothing we can do to stop him," Hugh said at last. "He would hate us always, if we broke up his marriage. The girl may be as he says. We'll have to see."

"But he's giving up everything—his career—his wrecking his whole life," Martha argued.

"Maybe not. His happiness is our first consideration. He might never be happy without this girl. Now it's getting late. I have to drop in at the hospital. You go on to bed. I won't be late."

IT was after midnight when the doctor returned. He left a light for Jerry, wearily climbed the stairs. He had counted so much on this son of his. Too much, perhaps.

He glanced in the twins' room. Both beds were empty. He walked down the hall to his own room, winding his watch. The sound of someone sobbing disturbed him.

Martha? No, she seemed to come from the guest room. He knocked gently, then opened the door.

Mary Ward lay across her bed, sobbing as if her heart were broken.

(To Be Continued)

The Scoreboard

Outfielder Lloyd Christopher Hailed by Scout Joe Devine as Best Prospect Since DiMaggio; Yankees Get 'Em Young, Break 'Em In Right

By HARRY GRAYSON
The Yankees get 'em. Scout Joe Devine says the New York club has another Joe DiMaggio in Lloyd Christopher, who played with the Oakland Coasters in 1940 and is supposed to remain there another season.

In case of an emergency, Christopher can be brought up sooner, and Devine tells Ed Barrow that if Joe McCarthy finds himself hard pressed for a right-hand hitting outfielder, his latest discovery will be the man.

Devine insists it won't be long after his Yankee debut that Christopher, only 20, will have Yankee Stadium fans and those around the circuit talking about his skill.

Christopher stands six feet, two and a half and weighs 198 pounds. Devine describes him as being as fast as a streak and having a powerful arm.

"As a fielder, Christopher is one of the finest prospects I've ever seen," beams the fussy manager. "The boy is a dead ringer for Bob Meusel. He doesn't throw quite as forcefully as Long Bob did, but there's not much difference. Bob, you remember, had American League."

Devine confesses that Christopher is not now as good a hitter as Lou Novikoff, the Russian flycatcher coming to the Cubs from Los Angeles, but hastens to add that he's going to be a better one. Some changes were made in Christopher's style last summer, and they improved his batting.

Devine considers Christopher just as good a prospect as Joe DiMaggio was, and it was he who urged the Yankees to take a chance on the knee injury that threatened the current New York slugger's career while he was with San Francisco.

Scout Devine tells you to ask Lefty O'Doul or any Pacific Coast League manager, player or club owner about Christopher. He says they'll tell you he can't miss making good.

Christopher's batting average with the Oaks was .276, but Devine explains that he is a much more formidable batter than the mark indicates. He drove in 88 runs, and his average was above .300 for the greater part of the campaign.

Christopher began with Akron in 1938 and was moved to Joplin and El Paso. In 1939 he was with Wenatchee, Wash., and was so good that he advanced to AA company.

Joe Devine discovered his latest prize in 1937... in high school at Richmond, Calif.

The Yankees get 'em young and break 'em in right.

BOWLING

Monday, December 30

Bruner vs. Rotary.

Gunter vs. American Legion.

Tuesday December 31

Standard Oil vs. Experiment Station.

Kraft Cheese vs. Geo. Robinson.

Wednesday, January 1

Brookwood Gro. vs. S. C. S.

Hempstead County Lumber Co. vs. W. O. W.

Thursday, January 2

Ritchie Gro. vs. M. System.

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2. When a man takes leave of a woman with whom he has been walking, should he lift his hat?

3. When a man and woman enter a room together, should he see that she is seated before finding a chair for himself?

4. When men and women sit around talking for a while evening and smoke continuously, is it necessary for the men to jump up each time they reach for one?

5. When riding on a bus or street car, should you watch a wet umbrella or raincoat to see that it doesn't drip on the person next to you?

What would you do if—
When sitting in a friend's living room you grow chilly and wish to close a window—
(a) Close it without saying anything to your hostess?
(b) Ask your hostess if you may close the window?

Answers
1. Yes.
2. Yes.
3. Yes.
4. No. It is awkward and interrupts conversation to have the men continually jumping up and down.
5. Yes.
Best "What Would You Do?" solution—(b).

Kiwanis vs. Life & Casualty Co. Monday, January 6
Bruner vs. M. System.
Gunter vs. Experiment Station. Tuesday, January 7
Standard Oil vs. Ritchie Gro.
Kraft Cheese vs. Brookwood Gro.

McCASKILL

Miss Wanda Scott left Sunday morning for Stigler, Okla. to spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Jean Shuffield of Magnolia A. & M. college arrived Thursday night to spend Xmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Shuffield.

Miss Velma Lee Hamilton of Dermont school faculty arrived Friday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hamilton.

Miss Arline Wortham of Prescott spent Saturday afternoon with her mother Mrs. Don Wortham.

Miss Laurene Harper of Reeder School faculty arrived Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harper.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester McCaskill and daughter, Jennelle, were visitors to Hope and Prescott Friday.

Hugh Rhodes of Van Hamilton and William Scott of University of Fayetteville, Ark. arrived Saturday for a holiday visit with their parents, Mrs. Arlie Henry and daughter Miss Nell left Friday to visit with relatives in Pittsburgh, Tex.

Gerald Shuffield arrived Sunday for a visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shuffield.

Miss Joyce McDougald of Blevins spent the weekend with Miss Iris Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williamson are here for a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Wortham.

Mrs. Marie Russell of Kansas spent last week here with her mother Mrs. E. W. Cullpepper.

Mr. Rhee Bass, Mrs. G. W. Anthony and daughter Miss Bonnie Marie were shopping in Hope and Prescott Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Burroughs and children and Miss Johnnie Martin were shopping in Prescott Friday.

Dexter Reese of St. Louis Mo., arrived Saturday for a holiday visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reese.

Miss Irene Wardlow of Benton arrived Saturday for a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Mott Wardlow.

Mr. and Mrs. Wattie Hooker of Langley are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reese.

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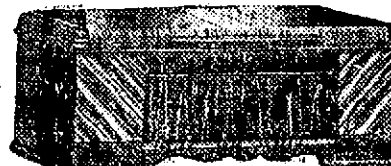
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John Clyde Hill of Little Rock spent Tuesday and Wednesday with his mother, Mrs. Clyde Hill.

Vaughn Woodard, president of the American Youth Assembly, left Wednesday night for Fort Worth, Texas after a holiday visit with family and

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson of Elko, Idaho, spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Johnson's sister, Mrs. Roy Grugin, and Mr. Grugin.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Crews Sr. have as guests their daughter, Mrs. John F. Rainey and little son, John, of Pangould, Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Patterson (Lella Ray) of Detroit, Michigan are the guests of Mrs. Patterson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ray.

Barney Reed has returned to his home in Beaumont, Texas after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Reed.

New Method to Test Chutes

Slow-Motion Movies Used to Record Opening

A new method of testing parachutes by using slow-motion movies to record the way they open out in use is now being employed with great success by the Pioneer Parachute Company, of Manchester, Connecticut. New ways of packing 'chutes and certain structural improvements have already been developed as a result of the testing system.

The motion pictures are made from the rigging of a testing tower which has been built on a hillside a few miles from the parachute plant. From this tower, which is fifty feet high, a dummy equipped with a parachute pack is whirled around at speeds of from 70 to 300 miles an hour. Power for this is supplied by a 320 horsepower diesel engine.

When the whirling dummy attains the proper speed the parachute is automatically released, and parachute and dummy float to earth. However, to visualize exactly what happens from the time the parachute is released, motion pictures are necessary since the eye cannot follow the rapid action. To record this action a specially built motion picture camera operates on the rigging of the tower, moving with the boom as it spins around.

This slow-motion movie record has brought to light many enlightening facts. An improved pilot 'chute was developed from this. Packing of the main canopy of the parachute was also changed because of the studies made possible. By means of the new packing, it is virtually impossible for the skirt of the canopy to be tilted up on opening.

The inventor of the new testing system is Floyd Smith, who has been called "the father of the parachute." According to Mr. Smith, the testing power and slow-motion movies will permit rapid strides in the development of parachutes, not only for individual use but for the safe dropping of heavy bodies.

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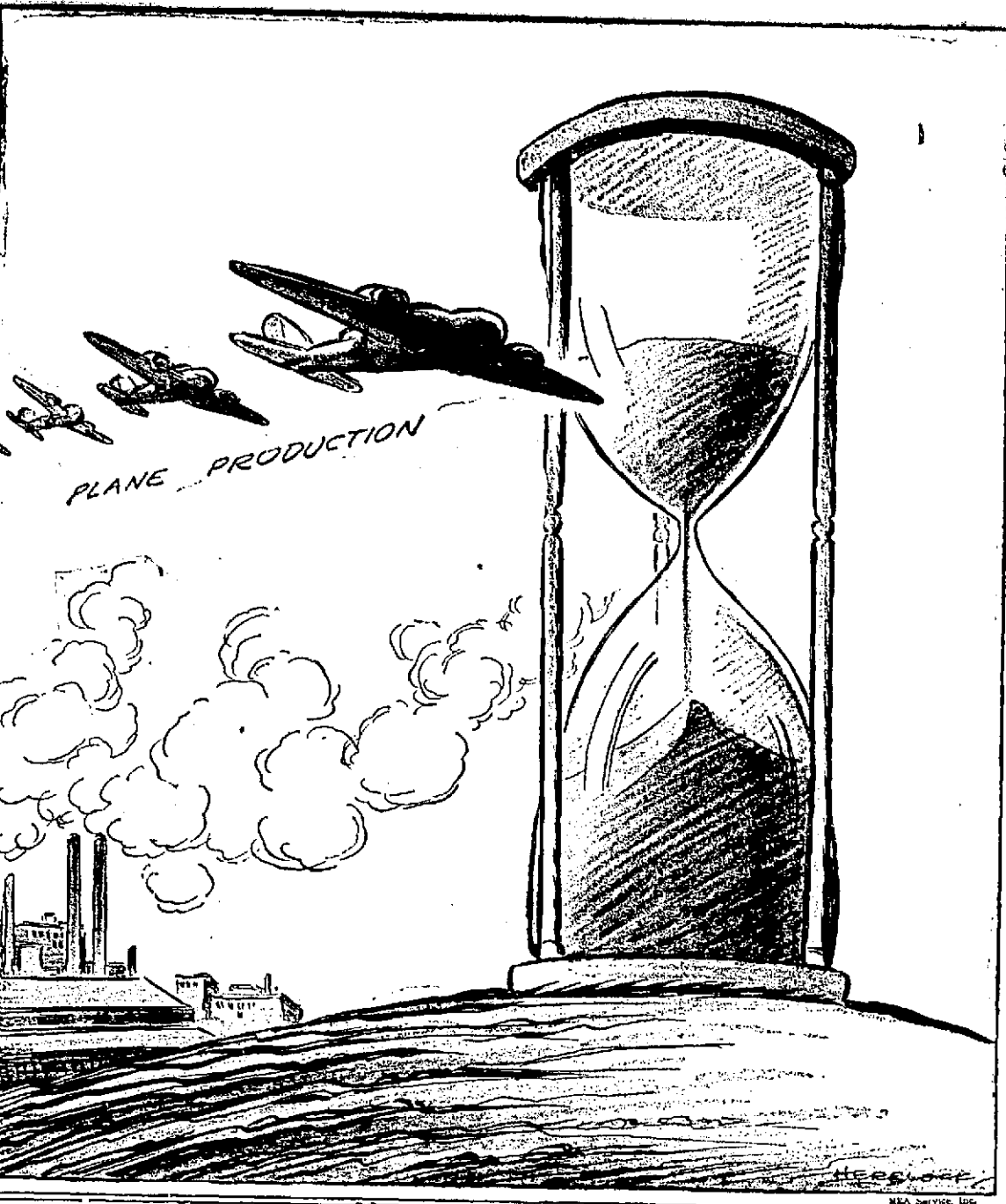
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Stock Market Defies Trends

Legendary Role Broken as Trend Lowest in Years

By FREDERICK GARDNER
NEW YORK —(AP)—The stock market in 1940 stepped out of its legendary role as the advance guard of business swings and sluggishly brought up the rear as industrial barometers soared to the highest levels in more than a decade.

In contrast with the fast climb in defense-stimulated industry in the final half of the year, share prices recovered only partially from a sharp spring decline. Most of the year, the market ranged over a narrow area and the ebb tide in speculation reduced dealings to the smallest volume in nearly two decades.

The net result was a moderately lower level of prices, although many individual stocks emerged with gains, particularly those representative of busy war industry.

Nazis Send Down Prices

The year's most decisive swing was

Canada, England and South American countries have sent representatives to inspect the tower and to study the developments being made because of it. The company is operating on a 24-hour basis supplying parachutes for Army and Navy use.

the quick slump in prices in May on the Nazi drive into the Low countries and France, raising fears for the eventual fate of England and the economic destinies of the British Empire.

Wall street, cut off from erst-while wide business contacts in Europe, beset with actual or looming tax burdens and fearful of British dumping of American securities, made poor comparison in activity with such industrial centers as Pittsburgh, Detroit and Cleveland.

Stock exchange transactions approximated only 205,000,000 shares, the smallest since 1921, against 262,000,000 in 1939, itself rated a lean year in brokerage circles. Bond dealings were the smallest since 1917.

The combination of the European struggle for power, doubt over the outcome of the battle of England and the presidential election at home were sufficient to drive many speculators to the sidelines.

The collapse of France sent traders scurrying for shelter, brought some liquidation from abroad and made financial centers uneasy over the prospect of England holding out against Nazi assaults and threatened invasion of the British Isles.

England's stamina under air and sea attacks and Italian reverses in Greece evoked more hopeful comment from financial sources which had stressed the importance of the British Empire in the world's economic set-up and predicted hard shocks for American industry in event of British defeat.

Nevertheless, even with war news taking a better turn in many Wall street eyes and the presidential election out of the way, market commentators continued to harp on such fateful "uncertainties" as:

(1) Possibility the United States might take a hand in the war.

(2) Prospects of higher federal taxes on corporate and individual income to help pay huge defense costs.

(3) The increasing dependence of heavy industry upon British and U. S. armament orders, theoretically making it vulnerable to sudden setback on curtailment of war purchases.

Complicating the main wartime influences at work in the security markets were other factors, such as the large British holdings of American securities which many traders expected would be fed out to the markets to raise dollar exchange for war supplies.

As a matter of financial record, British selling of American securities dwindled to small figures when the stock and bond markets bogged down after the first excited outburst of buying at the start of the war in September, 1939.

But the remaining securities in hand of the British authorities were counted in market circles a formidable obstacle to speculation for higher prices. Likewise acting as a brake on traditional war-time speculation for higher prices, brokers contended, was the possibility government controls over the financial system might be used to keep prices in hand.

Another 'Rule of Thumb' There was much talk in Wall street and Washington that in this war government power would be exercised to avoid the classic wartime "inflation spiral."

Moreover, many investors and traders—following an old war-time rule of thumb—revised their ideas of share values downward on the assumption corporate profits resulting directly or indirectly from war spending were subject to quick deflation in event of peace.

Bonds, more than stocks, had the benefit of continued piling up of idle funds in banks and other lending institutions. Furthermore, brokers said, bonds got increased support from the improvement in corporate earning power because business figured interest charges before taxes while government skinned of war profits largely at the expense of shareholders.

Many corporate bonds, consequently, particularly in the gilt-edged group, made some improvement for the year,

Defense

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or five years. The total appropriations for defense and civil purposes, however, are enormous.

The actual appropriations have been made amount to \$4,000,000,000. And another contract authorization amounts to \$4,586,000,000 for two-ocean navy. New appropriations, however, probably equaling \$3,000,000,000, will be asked as soon as congress assembles after the first of the year, if not sooner.

Mounting Spiral This vast sum of money flowing into the bloodstream of business will, of course, produce the most extraordinary effects. And there is no assurance that it will not be greatly increased, since it is estimated that price increases in construction and production of war materials are already sufficient to add another \$2,500,000,000 to the cost of the things included in these appropriations.

The rise in business indicated in the figures for industrial production and retail distribution has been provoked by an expenditure of only a small part of these vast defense ap-

propriations. Only a modest part of the sums appropriated have been spent. The full tide of these outlays will begin to be felt after the first of the year.

And it will grow with the passing months.

Hence the outlook for the year under the impact of these expenditures is for a mounting spiral of business activity rising steadily to a boom.

NEXT—Taxes and borrowing cloud business skies.

UNUSUAL WOMAN

HORIZONTAL

1, 6 Famous

deaf and blind

woman.

12 Fragrant

smell.

13 Ingenious.

14 Uproar.

15 To analyze.

16 Folding bed.

17 Preposition.

18 To make lace.

20 Either.

21 Toward.

22 Toupee.

24 Compass point

(abbr.).

25 Interchanges

of views.

31 Fold of thread

32 Verifies.

33 Secular.

34 Mesh.

36 Biblical priest.

37 Desert fruit.

38 Grain (abbr.).

40 Male sheep.

42 Old garment.

43 You.

44 Goddess of

dawn.

46 Fortification

work.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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GODDESS OF DAWN

FORTIFICATION

WORK

LAUGHTER

MISTAKE

BOOBY

RATITE BIRD

PEOPLE

RELATED ON THE

MOTHER'S SIDE

GIBBON

REGISTER

IPPECAC HERBS

MUSICAL NOTE

GUARANTEES

SHE IS A

GRADUATE

INSTRUCTOR WAS

HER CONSTANT

COMPANION.

DRUNKARD.

FROZEN.

TO PERUSE.

NOTE IN SCALE.

ADAM'S MATE.

RECITAL.

SILKWORM.

TO SINK.

SMALL SLAP.

MERRIMENT.

ONE WHO ROWS

MOHAMMEDAN

TITLE.

TO LOVE TO

EXCESS.

MANDARIN

RESIDENCE.

SPORE SACS.

IN A HIGH

DEGREE.

SUBSIST.

CHINESE SEDGE

NOTHING.

CONSTANT

COMPANION.

THE HEART.

55 ELL.

57 POUND (ABBR.)

58 ROAD (ABBR.).

Navy Dominated by the Mahans

Score at End of 1940 Puts Navy Thesis on Top

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AP Feature Service Writer

"Total war" versus "dominant naval strength" collided in a basic test of military theory in 1940 fighting in Europe.

The year's warfare was a laboratory for the opposed ideas of two long-dead military philosophers. The "score" at year's end appeared to favor the dominant-navy thesis of Admiral Alfred T. Mahan of the U. S. Navy over the total-war theory of Gen. Giulio Douhet of Italy.

Mahan's postulate that naval dominance is the decisive factor in any conflict gained new support. It was first enunciated in 1890.

Douhet's argument lost force. It was that airplanes outmoded other arms because an "all out" air attack on civilian population centers would force capitulation in a matter of days. The wave-on-wave bomber assault on London failed to effect surrender of Britain after four months.

Britain, the dominant naval power in this war, was able to continue her blockade of all Europe. The Italian navy was chased to cover.

The year's fighting all but proved three things:

1. Blatant, aimless attacks on civilian centers do not cause the "capitulative panic" Gen. Douhet expected, at least within his time limit.

2. The airplane is a vital correlary weapon, extending effectiveness of all other arms, but of limited effectiveness as a primary weapon; indeed, fore most observers now believe the plane is most effective in a long war, destroying factories and communications, rather than forcing quick surrender.

3. There is apparently no answer to naval dominance.

No. 3 squares exactly with the Mahan theory. The Axis, despite sub-

British Double

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Chimera without contacting the enemy.

The battle for Trepellini and Klisura in the central sector continued in intense cold and waist-deep snow.

A captured lieutenant-colonel of the Fascist army said Italian troops were suffering severely from the cold and the difficulty in getting supplies. He said many battalions were reduced from 700 men each to 200 because of cold, many having died from cold and others hospitalized from severe frost-bites.

British Cruiser Sunk
ROME —(AP)—Italian submarines were credited Thursday by the high command with sinking a British light cruiser in the central Mediterranean.

propriations. Only a modest part of the sums appropriated have been spent. The full tide of these outlays will begin to be felt after the first of the year.

Hence the outlook for the year under the impact of these expenditures is for a mounting spiral of business activity rising steadily to a boom.

NEXT—Taxes and borrowing cloud business skies.

Balloon Flies 240 Mi.; Found Near Rosston

A balloon released by Charles Richmond December 3 at McAlester, Okla., was picked up by W. A. Fairchild on his farm 2 miles southwest of Rosston December 7, about 240 miles distance. Mr. Fairchild found the balloon in his field about 8 o'clock in the morning and promptly wrote to Richmond, a 13-year-old boy.

Iceberg Menace

Some 420 icebergs from Greenland's great glaciers drift into the North Atlantic every year. Some of these project into the air as high as 500 feet, but the average height is 150 feet above the water. Most of an iceberg's bulk lies below the water's level.

Silk Makers

The Japanese have learned that quality silk can come only from healthy silkworms, and either the eggs or the moths must be examined microscopically for disease.

jugation of Europe, derives no lasting benefit, because Britain controls all sea approaches.

The fall of France gives no aid to the Douhet supporters. Planes did play a part in the German army sweep—but as coordinated units of the army and not as primary attack weapons against civilian centers.

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